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Verona Dots.

Verona, Tex., Jan. 27, '97.

Rabbit hunting is our chief sport since the snow.

W. W. Woodall has relapsed.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Monger were made happy by the appearance of a little boy at their home on Jan. 27.

Miss Nuel Henderson and little brother of Altoga were visiting the Misses Grisham last week, also Mr. Aycock and wife of Culleoka.

Mrs. Jim Watson's baby fell against the stove and burned its face very badly one day last week.

Jim Womble's house caught fire one day this week but the flames were soon controlled. Mr. Boman's residence also caught fire one night recently but it, too, was saved from destruction by a timely discovery of the flames.

Mrs. Bibie visited Mrs. Buddie Miller last week.

Adaline Williamson and little girls visited Eph Miller last week.

Mrs. Jim Watson and little girl are on the sick list this week.

Mrs. V. Bounds was the guest of Mrs. G. J. St. Clair last week.

Mr. Sample of Barnett school is very sick.

John McTee's two little boys, who have been very sick with pneumonia, are recovering.

ROSE BUD.

Midway Notes.

Midway, Tex., Jan. 23, '97.

Miss Nettie Hartman called on Miss Mattie Miller Tuesday night.

Ed Box has the grippe.

Galy Hogg is improving slowly from a bad attack of pneumonia.

Recently Miss Grace Elliott died with pneumonia, Mrs. Elliott died of consumption. They were both christian ladies.

Frank Box and his mother has just returned home from Tennessee.

Miss. Etta Norman spent a few days with her papa this week.

PINK.

NOTICE.
I WANT every man and woman in the United States interested in the Opium and Whisky habits to have one of my books on these diseases. Address B. M. Woolley, Atlanta, Ga. Box 382, and one will be sent you free.

Fayburg Batch.

Fayburg, Tex., Jan. 25, '97.

Some cases of la grippe in community yet.

George Thompson started west Saturday.

J. T. Peel is all smiles. He says it's a 10lb boy.

The infant of Mr. Nix died Friday morning.

Charlie Patterson of Merit visited J. T. Peel and family Saturday and Sunday.

MissEmma Rutherford of Farmersville visited Wash Griffith and family Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. B. C. Reynolds and son have returned from Mississippi where they spent the holidays.

SAL.

Trinity Lights.

Trinity, Tex., Jan. 30, '97.

Monroe Orenduff has about recovered.

Owing to unfavorable weather our school attendance has been small.

The whooping cough scare is over. The much dreaded epidemic has proven to be only la grippe.

Mr. and Mrs. Boone spent Thursday night with Mr. Orenduff's family.

Alec Trentham, a former student, Monroe Orenduff and Mrs. Kay Boon visited the school Friday afternoon.

BROWN EYES.

Anna Mission-1897.

Princeton, Tex., Jan. 30, '97.

Our first quarterly conference for the year 1897 was held at Princeton in the new church on the 23rd and 24th inst. Rev. I. S. Ashburn presided. The wind and sleet prevented a large attendance, but we had a goodly number present. The occasion was impressive, grand. The new order of things marks the beginning of a brighter era in the history of our town and vicinity.

It was hard to realize the situation and to adjust ourselves to the conditions. This is the first church ever built in this section. For years all the denominations have been worshiping (?) in the school house. What a difference! How strangely did we feel the awful presence of Him who had met with his people in his temple from the days of old.

Bro. Ashburn preached at 11 a. m. Saturday and at the same hour Sunday, when he dedicated this splendid temple to God and to his service forever. His sermon Sunday was strong and impressive; evincing in a marked degree deep and analytical study along the lines of human weakness—proneness to sin in contrast with high-wrought purposes that lead upward toward God, and the development of a truly great character. Everybody says that Bro. Ashburn is the man for us. On account of the extreme cold and the proximity of our home to the church Bros. Graves and Ashburn lodged in our house.

Bro. Graves reported 22 accessions to the church and $333.80 raised on the work since the annual conference.

Not since wife and I began to walk the same path did we entertain with more gratitude and with such profit to ourselves as the company of these brethern. But the preachers have gone—each his own way and left in radiant colors upon the horizon of our life a vision of joy and peace that charms our solitude and inspires our hope.

J. F. S.

January Rainfall.

The following is the rainfall of Jan., '97, as registered by C. B. Moore, at Ad Valorem, 6 miles north of McKinney:

	Inches.
4.	.750
13.	.250
14.	.250
15.	.125
16.	.500
19, rain and melted snow.	.875
31, melted snow.	.250
Total	3.000

Jan. 21st coldest day of this winter; mercury 10½. Jan. 4 1896 coldest day last winter, mercury 16.

OBITUARY.

Harvey Thompson departed this life Jan. 9, 1897. The deceased was a good citizen, a devoted husband, and a faithful Christian. He joined the Missionary Baptist church at Bethany in 1880 and was soon thereafter ordained deacon. It was the writer's pleasure to be his pastor for two years and I can say truly that to know him was to love him. The church has lost a faithful member, but we sorrow not as others who have no hope. An aged mother, a wife and a host of friends are left to mourn his death. But our loss is his gain.

Why should we mourn departing friends
Or shake at Death's alarms?
'Tis but the voice that Jesus sends
To call them to his arms.

J. S. CAMERON.

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A CALL.

By authority vested in me as chairman I hereby call a meeting of the state executive committee of the people's party to convene in the city of Austin at 11 a. m. on Thursday, Feb. 18, 1897, for a continuance of populist educational work, and to perfect plans for a thorough reorganization of the party at every voting box in the state. All chairmen of senatorial and representative districts and the various county chairmen throughout the state, together with editors of reform papers and all other populist workers who earnestly desire the success of our principles are cordially invited to attend this meeting.

J. S. BRADLEY, Chairman,
C. M. CURETON, Secretary.

Charged With Murder.

Greenville, Hunt county, Tex., Jan. 31.—Yesterday evening Louis Luttrell and Joe English were arrested again on action of the grand jury charged with the murder of Doggett some four years ago. The case was somewhat celebrated. Doggett was shot one night on South Stonewall street. These two men and three others were arrested. The others were after a time discharged. Luttrell and English got a change of venue to Collin county, and after three postponements by the state, were discharged. Now they are again under arrest for the same thing. They will apply before Judge Templeton for bail to-morrow.

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FATAL HOBOKEN FIRES

Two Holocausts In the New Jersey City.

SEVEN PERSONS LOSE THEIR LIVES

A Mother and Five Children Perish In One Burning Building, While a Little Girl Meets the Same Fate In Another—The Firemen Rendered Prompt Assistance

NEW YORK, Feb. 1.—During the early hours yesterday two fires occurred in Hoboken, N. J., which resulted in the loss of seven lives. Many poor people were made homless, and even had narrow escapes for their lives.

The fires occurred in different parts of the city and one of them at least is believed to have been of incendiary origin. The first fire started in the 3-story frame building at 410 Newark street. There a mother and five children lost their lives. At the other fire a little girl was burned to death.

The dead are:

Mrs. Nellie Schroeder, 40 years old, wife of Charles Schroeder, and her five children. Henry, 11 years old; Kate, 9 years; Maggie 7 years; John, 3 years, and Willie, 8 months old; Mabel Mangles.

The second fire was at 153 to 159 Fourteenth street. It was there little Mabel Mangles perished. Her sister, Florence, was seriously burned, but is expected to recover.

It was yesterday morning when the fire was discovered in the ramshackle building on Newark street. Several families lived in the building, the lower floors of which were occupied by a blacksmith shop and a carpenter shop. The Schroeders lived on the top floor. Charles Schroeder, who is a bartender out of work, was not at home when the fire started. His wife and children were asleep in their rooms. It took but a moment for the flames to get complete control of the building. All but the Schroeder family, however, managed to make their escape, a number of them getting to the ground from the windows.

After the firemen had got to work it was discovered that the Schoeder family was missing, and every effort was made to reach the top of the blazing structure. Flames and smoke drove the men back and it was not until the building was almost consumed that the firemen were able to get to the Schoeder apartments. This was about an hour after the blaze began. Mrs. Schoeder was found lying on the bed, which was partly burned, with her infant on her breast. Two of the other children lay on the bed and one on the floor. There was a flicker of life in the woman and she was quickly borne down the stairway and through the still burning hall. She died a few minutes later.

The four children, all dead, were also brought down, but the body of the fifth could not be rescued then, but later was discovered under the bed.

Meanwhile Schroeder, who had been playing cards in a nearby saloon, appeared on the scene, but the calamity did not seem to affect him as much as had been anticipated.

Hardly had this fire been put out when the firemen were compelled to hasten to 157 Fourteenth street, where fire was consuming that building. Men, women and children appeared at the windows screaming for help. All were rescued except a little girl named Mabel Mangles, who perished in the conflagration.

Child Badly Burned.

GAINESVILLE, Tex., Jan. 30.—Ruth, the 3-year-old daughter of S. C. Pedigo, of St. Jo, was terribly burned here. The child may live, but it will be badly disfigured.

Girl Horribly Burned.

BRENHAM, Tex., Jan. 26.—Mary King, a 14-year-old girl, whose home is in Milheim, while in the waitingroom at the Union depot, had her clothing catch fire from a redhot stove yesterday. She was so badly burned that it is believed she will die.

Burned to Death.

QUINLAN, Tex., Jan. 30.—Mrs. Jerrod, a young married woman living about two miles south of Quinlan, was burned to death by her clothing catching on fire.

Two Men Burned to Death.

JACKSON, O., Jan. 28.—The Star building burned here. Hugh Martin and Frank Davis, workmen, were burned to death. The loss to property was slight.

Poisoned by Fruit.

PLANO, Tex., Feb. 1.—The family of J. Z. Beckett, a farmer, who lives about three miles northeast of Plano, were all poisoned except one of the children from eating cooked dried peaches for supper Thursday evening. Mrs. Beckett, the mother, was first taken violently ill, vomiting a great deal after eating supper, and died. The next day the father and four children were taken sick with the same symptoms, but are now beyond danger.

Instantly Killed.

SUNSET, Tex., Jan. 30.—John B. Gregory, a man about 67 years old and an old Confederate soldier, was killed by falling out of a tree. He climbed a tree to cut the top off, and by some unknown cause he fell and was killed almost instantly.

CONGRESSIONAL PROCEEDINGS.

The International Monetary Conference Bill Passes the Senate.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1.—By the decisive vote of 46 to 4 the senate passed the bill for the appointment of commissioners to an international money conference. The closing of the debate brought out several notable speeches, including those of Mr. Hoar of Massachusetts, Mr. Vilas of Wisconsin, Mr. Jones of Arkansas and Mr. Gorman of Maryland; Mr. Allison, of Iowa and Mr. Carter of Montana.

It disclosed that very little opposition existed against the bill, the only division being as to the expediency of seeking bimetallism through international agreement. As voicing the general view of the Democratic side of the chamber Mr. Jones and Mr. Gorman favored the adoption of the measure exactly as Republican senators desired, in order that the responsibility might be theirs

The house witnessed another exciting and somewhat sensational exchange of personalities between Messrs. Powers of Vermont and Barrett of Massachusetts in the debate on the conference report on the bill to confer the rights and franchises of the Atlantic and Pacific railway and the purchasers under the mortgage foreclosure. The report was rejected by an overwhelming majority, 71 to 143, and the conferees were instructed to insist on the house amendments.

The remainder of the day was spent in the discussion of the agricultural appropriation bill.

At 5 o'clock the house took a recess until 8 o'clock. The evening session was devoted to private pension legislation.

Boatner Won His Seat.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1.—Elections committee No. 2 has decided the contested election case of Alexis Benoit, Populist, against C. J. Boatner. Democrat, from the Fifth district of Louisiana, in favor of Mr. Boatner, the sitting member.

THREE CABINET OFFICERS CHOSEN.

Sherman of Ohio, Gage of Illinois and Alger of Michigan.

CANTON, O., Feb. 1.—President Elect McKinley has selected three members of his cabinet who have accepted, the last being Russell A. Alger of Michigan, who will be at the head of the war department.

The cabinet as far as agreed upon and who have accepted are as follows:

Secretary of state—Senator John Sherman of Ohio.

Secretary of the treasury—Lyman J. Gage of Illinois.

Secretary of war—General Russell A. Alger of Michigan.

Dawes For Eckels' Place.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 30.—From informatiom gathered from applicants for position who talked to President Elect McKinley on the subject, the Associated Press feels warranted in stating that Charles G. Dawes of Evanston, Ills., will be appointed comptroller of the currency to succeed Mr. Eckels.

Patton Institute Burned.

DALLAS, Jan. 30.—The Patton institute, situated in Oak Cliff, burned Thursday night. The students barely escaped in their nightclothes. Nothing was saved. Loss about $13,000.

Mrs. Flood Dead.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 29.—Mrs. J. L. Flood, wife of a well known millionaire, died here of pneumonia.

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Insurance and annuities in force	899,074,453.78
Net gain in 1895	$61,647,645.36

Statement of the Texas Business
INSURANCE IN FORCE.

	Dec. 31, 1894.	Dec. 31, 1895.		
Mutual Life	24,581,452	28,546,932	GAIN	$3,965,480
N. Y. Life	26,768,971	24,555,317	Loss	2,213,654
Equitable	22,787,877	20,535,948	Loss	2,251,929

NEW BUSINESS.

	1894.	1895.		
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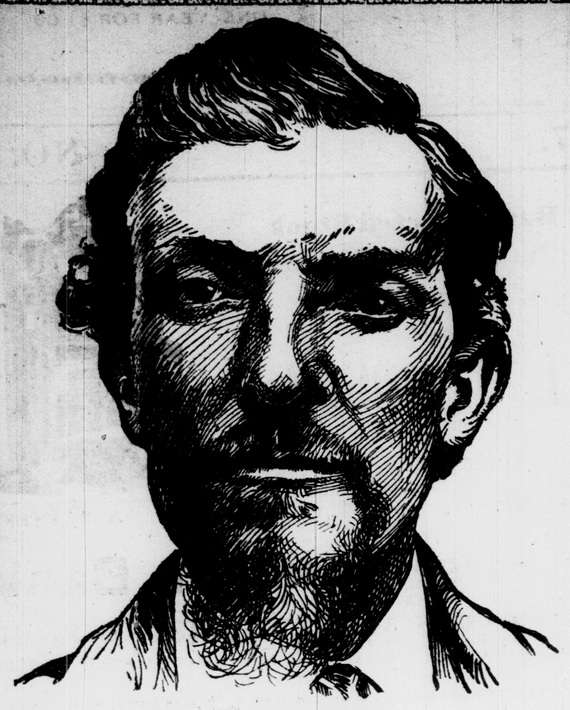
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" " " Semi-Weekly Dallas News $1.75.
" " " " Rocky Mt. News $1.75.

EX-GOVERNOR Altgeld charges republicans with fraud in Ohio.

THE early issues of the Ladies Home Journal will contain articles from the pen of ex-President Harrison about "Life in the White House."

THE Dallas News' night school is a new departure in journalism. The school is under the care of eminent instructors and much benefit can be derived by all News readers from these night studies pursued voluntarily in spare moments and half hours.

Mrs. W. F. Lyon, a white lady, was knocked down and assaulted in her kitchen at home in Denison on the 29th ult. She fired a shot at her assailant as he was escaping. A negro was arrested for the crime and identified by the victim, and Denison only escaped a lynching bee by the cleverness of the officers who succeeded in spiriting their prisoner away to the Sherman jail.

BYRON Drew of the house committee on contingent expenses has resigned because a retrenchment proposition of his was turned down. It is true that his proposition was in line with democratic promises in the late campaign, but Drew only makes laughing stock of himself when he sulls at democratic legislators for not keeping a promise.

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SHERMAN for secretary of state, Gage for secretary of treasury, Alger for secretary of war and Long for the navy portfolio is the state thus far completed by McKinley.

THE standard of value in the medical world is Prickly Ash Bitters. It has been tried for years and the result is that it goes at par the world over. The public has given it a high endorsement regarding its merits. Read the big ad in THE DEMOCRAT this week and learn what people have to say about it.

WITH this issue THE DEMOCRAT begins its fourteenth volume. In entering upon another series we salute all readers, friends and advertising patrons with thanks for past considerations so generously bestowed and humbly trust to merit a continuance af the same, at all times, in the future. As to age THE DEMOCRAT became nestor of journalism in Collin county at the suspension of the Enquirer last year and we are striving to keep it abreast of the progressive country press of our great state. We are now located on the west side of the square, in convenient, comfortable quarters, where the public is cordially invited to visit us.

LIST OF LETTERS.

Remaining unclaimed in the postoffice, at McKinney, Tex, Feb. 4, '97, which, if unclaimed in two weeks, will be sent to Dead Letter Office at Washington, D. C.

LADIES.

Burks M A	Lea Robt
Colwell Fanie	Morton Pearl
Cook S C	Moore Mary
Eastes M E	Parker S E
Black Mary	Hillis Leathie
Hill Sallie	Taylor M M
Hootan Carrie	Smith Felix
Harris Alice	Thompson Allie
Johnson Catharine	Wright Effie
Wood Kate.	

GENTLEMEN.

Anderson Arthur	Jones Taylor
Barron H A	Keen D N
Bush W G 2	Lewis Thomas
Cox J H	Melon J L
Colings Edison	Reed Calvin
Darden Geo A	Price E L
Drye H C	Routin Andy
Edwards Alonzo	Sewell John
Espy John	Stockstill Mark
Foster Arron	Tanner M
Foster J M C	Smith Chas N
Gambill Green	Thompson T H
Hawkins Phelan	Walter Elmer J
Harlston C F	Webb Martha
Harrison Cloyd	Wilson Bud
Hearldson C F	Williams Oscar
Hickey Rennie	Williams J B
Horton H P	Williams Joe

Persons calling for letters on this list must say "advertised" or they may fail to get them.

MRS. M. A. CAMERON, Postmistress.

How's This?

We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that can not be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure.

F. J. CHENEY & CO., Props., Toledo, O.

We, the undersigned, have known F. J. Cheney for the last 15 years, and believe him perfectly honorable in all business transactions and financially able to carry out any obligations made by their firm.

WEST & TRUAX, Wholesale Druggists, Toledo, O.
WALDING, KINNAN & MARVIN, Wholesale Druggists, Toledo, O.

Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Price 75c per bottle. Sold by all druggists. Testimonials free.

RELIGIOUS.

Misses Pearl and Bessie Nelson entertained the members of the Epworth League Friday evening.

Eld. D. W. Pritchett of Van Alstyne is in this city in the interest of the Christian Courier.

Bro. Hallam, the new preacher for the Christian church here, is fast gaining favor with the people of our city and good crowds attending all the services.

Bro. Crutcher will soon leave us for his charge at Plano. Everybody loves Bro. Crutcher and all regret to see him with his estimable family leave our city.

The members of the Baptist Young Peoples Union will entertain in the Sunday school room of Baptist church to-morrow night. A literary and musical program has been arranged and refreshments will be served.

The Christian Endeavor society of the Cumberland Presbyterian church will occupy the preaching hour Sunday evening at 7 o'clock and an interesting program will be rendered. A special feature of the service will be the music by the choir and the Anderson string band everybody cordially invited to attend and enjoy an hour of spiritual entertainment.

The Y. P. S. C. E. of the Christian church is doing splendid this bad weather and if you are not a member you should become one. Great preparations are being made to attend the district convention at Greenville in April.

FERRY'S SEEDS

The following letter has been sent to all the C. E. societies in the Dallas district, and is self explanatory:

McKinney, Tex., Feb. 1, 1897.
Dear Endeavorers:

Please pay attention to your corresponding secretary while this is being read, for it is of especial interest to the C. E's. of the Dallas district.

1. The fourth annual convention of the Dallas district will be held at Greenville, Hunt county, Texas, on April 13 and 14, beginning at 11 o'clock Tuesday the 13th, and closing Wednesday night following.

2. A society is not restricted to the number of delegates they may send, all the membership may be delegates if they will only attend.

3. The hospitality of Greenville is known by all, and the only thing she wants is for all of the Endeavorers to be there on April 13 and 14.

4. Cannot your society go out somewhere and organize a new society between now and the convention?

5. The Dallas district is composed of Collin, Dallas, Ellis, Rockwall, Kaufman, Van Zandt, and Hunt counties.

6. Go to Greenville on April 13 and 14 expecting a blessing, a desire for a deepening of the spiritual life, and surely we will receive "showers of blessings" which will make "sunshine in our souls."

Your fellow worker for the convention. PLUMMER HARRIS, Supt. Dallas District.

D. Goodin has just had one of the best wood houses built in the city. W. D. O'Gwin built it.

Hickman.

Hickman, Tex., Feb. 1, '97.

C. A. Johnson made a business trip to Merit Friday.

Prof. Dobbs of Johnson paid us a visit Sunday.

Mr. Hooper has sold his farm to Allen Barker and moved to Denton county.

School visitors this week were: Mrs. Cain, Miss Johnson; Messrs Bob Hickman, Kilgore and Hamrick.

Our literary last Saturday night was well attended, and program rendered as follows: Song—"Some Folks"—by school. Recitations—Miss Minnie Payne, Rosa Daniel and Pernie Sewell. Declamations—Ernie Cain and Grover Payne. Song—"The Railway to Heaven"—by school. Recitation—"Only the Brakeman Killed"—Miss Coma Striplin. Song—"The Fatal Wedding"—Miss Coma Striplin. "Jack-a-malantern" by C. A. Johnson. Program closed by Prof. Striplin relating his "dream."

HICKMANITE.

A SCOURGE OF LA GRIPPE

Is Raging Everywhere, Devastating City, Town and Country Alike.

Nothing equal to it has ever been known. We have had la grippe before in this country in several well defined epidemics, but not as we are having it now. Everybody, everywhere, has it, has had it or is expecting to have it. In every paper we read of it. Everyone we meet speaks of it. Perhaps the worst feature about la grippe is that it is almost sure to leave consequences behind it which are far worse than the original disease. But it could not have been otherwise than that some things have been learned, during these sieges with la grippe. Untold thousands have learned these things but a still greater multitude perhaps have these things yet to learn.

First, that Pe-ru-na taken before each meal and at bedtime will prevent any one from having la grippe. Second, that Pe-ru-na taken every hour during the acute stage of la grippe will shorten its duration and prevent the long train of disagreeable consequences which follow the acute attack. Third, that in cases where Pe-ru-na has not been used during the acute stage and the victim finds himself dragging out a miserable existence from the damage to his system accomplished by la grippe, he has only to take Pe-ru-na according to the directions on the bottle to realize a speedy and complete cure. The explanation of this is that la grippe is epidemic catarrh. Pe-ru-na will cure catarrh wherever located. It will cure catarrh of every variety and stage. Therefore it will cure la grippe, which is simply the epidemic variety of acute catarrh. During such a winter as this no one should be without a copy of Dr Hartman's latest book which treats fully of la grippe, acute catarrh, chronic catarrh, coughs, colds, bronchitis, consumption and all other climatic diseases of winter. Sent free to any address by The Pe-ru-na Drug Manufacturing Company, Columbus, Ohio.

CASTORIA.

The fac-simile signature of Chas. H. Fletcher is on every wrapper.

Midway.

Midway, Tex., Feb. 1, '97.

Death has made its appearance once more in our community, taking in its cold embrace Mrs. Brooks. She was interred in the Shady Grove cemetery to-day.

Skating, snowballing and Domino playing is the order of the day.

Misses Dovie and Hattie Hallhorn visited Miss Nettie Hartman last Thursday.

Misses Nettie Hartman, Alice Miller; Messrs George Hanna, Harve Spaugh, Frank and Bob Box visited Miss Mollie and Harve Miller Sunday.

BLUE EYES.

CASTORIA

For Infants and Children.

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Citation

THE STATE OF TEBAS. to the sheriff or any constable of Collin county—Greeting: You are hereby commanded, that by making publication of this citation in some newspaper published in the county of Collin, if there be a newspaper published in said county, (but if not, then in the nearest county where a newspaper is published,) for four weeks before the return day hereof, you summon J E. Bean, whose residence is unknown, to be and appear before the Hon. District Court at the next regular term thereof, to be holden in the county of Collin at the court house thereof, in the city of McKinney, on the sixth Monday after the first Monday in February the same being the 15th day of March, 1897, file number being 4514, then and there to answer the petition of Dollie Bean, filed in said court on the 12th day of October, A. D. 1896, against the said J. E. Bean, and alleging in substance as follows, to-wit: That plaintiff, Mrs. Dollie Bean, is a resident of Collin county, State of Texas, and that the residence of the defendant, J. E. Bean, is unknown, that plaintiff and defendant were lawfully married on the 8th day of October, 1893; that they lived together as husband and wife until the 2nd day of May, 1894, when defendant left plaintiff with the intention of abandonment. Plaintiff further alleges that during the time they lived together as husband and wife she was subjected to the most cruel and harsh treatment by defendant. That he made no effort to provide for her.

Wherefore plaintiff prays that defendant be cited to answer herein and on final hearing she have judgement dissolving the bonds of matrimony, costs of suit and for general relief.

HEREIN FAIL NOT, but have you then and there before said Court this writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and the seal of said Court in McKinney this 22nd day of January, A. D 1897.

SEAL.

Attest: E. R. Hall, Clerk District Court, Collin Co., Texas.
By ——— Deputy.

Telegram.

Houston, Feb. 4, 1897.

AGENTS:—Feb. 6th you may sell book round trip tickets to Sherman at one fare account Bryan speaking. Limit tickets Feb. 7th.

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R. R. TIME CARD.

H. & T. C.

North bound.	Cannon ball	5:31 a m
"	No 3	10:32 a. m.
"	No. 15	1:38 p. m.
"	No 1	8:13 p. m.
South bound	No 2	8:17 a. m
"	No. 16	2:48 p. m.
"	No 4	5:58 p.m.
"	Cannon Ball	9:48 p. m.

EAST LINE.

Passenger leaves.	11. 15 a. m.
Local "	2:50 p. m.
Passenger arrives.	5.03 p.m
Local "	10. 40 a. m

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HOUSTON, TEXAS
S. Queensbury, agent, McKinney

The Kentucky Store Will Continue!

WE ARE INDEED GLAD TO ANNOUNCE TO THE PEOPLE OF COLLIN COUNTY AND McKINNEY THAT WE HAVE BOUGHT THE ENTIRE STOCK OF

Dry Goods, Clothing, Hats, Caps, Boots, Shoes.

And Gents' Furnishing Goods of the Kentucky Store and will continue the business with a much increased stock. In calling your attention to the change we assert that there is not a house in North Texas who can give you better goods and greater variety.

Especially do we mention our Shoe Department.

We have the style, quality and workmanship and guarantee to give you best shoe in men's, ladies', misses or children's for the money than any house in town.

Our Clothing and Gents Furnishing Goods department is the best in the city and we feel proud to call your attention to it as well as the other departments. We are here to stay and want your trade, and it is our aim to make every reader of this paper a permanent customer, and we know the way to secure you.

SEE OUR GOODS, NOTE THE QUALITY, COMPARE THE VALUES AND THEN PRICE IS NO OBJECT.

See Us Before You Buy And We shall do Our best to Please and Sell You what You Want.

YOURS TRULY,

McDowell & White,

Proprietors of KENTUCKY STORE.

CRISP LOCAL ITEMS.

Miss Eula Stimson is visiting Nevada friends.

The largest assortment of window glass at Smith Bros.

Mrs. Maydwell was the guest of Mrs. H. L. Dickson in Greenville last week.

Good 2nd growth hickory ax handles at Melton's.

Perry Burrus was in Sherman Thursday.

We handle all sizes of window glass. Smith Bros.

Jess Monger subscribes for The Democrat to be sent to the address of E. H. Sturdivant, Crowville La.

Seed Irish potatos at Melton's.

Miss Dora Roberts entertained Thursday evening.

Do not forget us for remedies for chapped hands. Smith Bros.

Dink Estes invites his friends to visit him at the Racket Store where he has lately accepted a position.

A larger stock than ever to make selections from during 1897 at the Nickle Store.

Have you seen V. C. Coleman's show window? It is a beauty and displays many valuable articles he carries for his trade.

Bring your prescriptions for Cod Liver Oil to us. We handle all kinds. Smith Bros.

Mrs. C. L. Hilsweck of Cale, I. T., is visiting her parents, Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Wofford of this city.

Onion sets at Melton's.

McKinney elects a mayor, five aldermen and a city engineer Tuesday April 6th next.

Goostree & Houston keep everything in the grocery line. Fresh goods, and prices are most reasonable

Miss Eula Plemmons has returned from a few days visit with Plano friends.

Laxative Bromo Quinine for sale by Smith Bros.

Mrs. I. D. Fowler, of this city, is one of The Democrat's latest subscribers.

The McKinney postoffice receipts for January were over $747. This steady increase in volume of business will soon result in raising the office to the second class list.

Awarded
Highest Honors—World's Fair,
DR.
PRICE'S
CREAM
BAKING
POWDER
MOST PERFECT MADE.
A pure Grape Cream of Tartar Powder. Free from Ammonia, Alum or any other adulterant.
40 YEARS THE STANDARD.

Buy the Edison electric light globe of Smith Bros. It's one of the best made.

A visit to the Nickle Store will repay you, when in McKinney.

Ed Smith, of Oklahoma, is here on a visit to his father, Supt. C. O. Smith, of the city public schools.

We want a portion of your grocery trade this year. Come to see us at once. GOOSTREE & HOUSTON.

John Welch, drayman, sustained a broken leg Saturday, in a runaway in the north part of town.

Tell them you will go to Smith Bros. for window glass. You will find what you want there.

E. W. Kirkpatrick is having a telephone placed, connecting the McKinney Nurseries with the city.

Useful and ornamental articles in profusion at the Nickle Store.

R. R. Parker and wife are moving to their farm 2 1-2 miles northeast of Anna.

Thompson Bros. are proprietors of the Star Restaurant and run the most popular catering house in McKinney.

A. D. Vandergraff, of Sulphur Springs, and Prof, T. M. Hinsley, of Trinity school, gave us a brief visit in our new office Saturday.

Syrup Squill, Syr. Ipecac, Syr. Tolu, are now being used extensively for colds. We make ours true to the U. S. Pharmacopea. Smith Bros.

Tuck Hill bought about 450 beef cattle through the county last week, and shipped from McKinney to northern markets.

Mate Barnett has added tinware to his grocery store and sells tin as cheap as he does groceries. Don't fail to get one of those everlasting fire kindlers. Satisfaction guaranteed.

A beautiful line of laces of all kinds just received. Special discount on Monday and Tuesday, Feb. 8 and 9. M Aron & Co,

Senator J. R. Gough and Representative F. E. Wilcox came in from Austin Saturday, on a brief visit to their families.

Long experience, careful factory methods and the best help money will hire. explains why we can sell the BUCKSKIN BREECHES, the best jeans pants made, for as little money as other makers charge for common goods. We attend to the little details and getting little things right makes the whole job good. Ask your clothing man to show you a pair.

W. G. Mattison will remain with the Kentucky Store under the new management. Cliff McDowell has also accepted a situation in the same establishment,

Goostree & Houston make prompt deliveries to any part of town.

Lloyd Watkins and Miss Mary Hall were married Wednesday evening, Jan. 27, at the residence of the bride's parents at Vineland. Eld. R. C. Horn officiated.

After a two weeks' absence Jess Monger has returned from Louisiana to which state he accompanied his cousin, Miss Lilla Sturdivant, who returned home from an extended visit to relatives in this county.

Tutt's Pills Cure All Liver Ills.

Doctors Say;

Bilious and Intermittent Fevers which prevail in miasmatic districts are invariably accompanied by derangements of the Stomach Liver and Bowels.

The Secret of Health.

The liver is the great "driving wheel" in the mechanism of man, and when it is out of order, the whole system becomes deranged and disease is the result.

Tutt's Liver Pills
Cure all Liver Troubles.

Mrs. Giles G. Houston and little daughter, Mary, of Gainesville, have been guests of McKinney relatives for the past few days.

Neuralgia is the prayer of the nerves for pure blood. Hood's Sarsaparilla is the One True Blood Purifier and nerve builder.

Farmers trading in McKinney can do no better than buy groceries from Goostree & Houston.

The old reliable Star Restaurant is still doing business at the same old stand in Bingham block, McKinney, Tex. Thompson Bros., Props.

The best assortment elastic trusses ever shown in McKinney at Smith Bros,

English Spavin Liniment removes all Hard, Soft or Calloused Lumps and Blemishes from horses, Blood Spavins, Curbs, Splints, Sweeney, Ring-Bone, Stifles, Sprains, all Swollen Throats, etc. Save $50 by use of one bottle. Warranted the most wonderful Blemish Cure ever known. Sold by Erwin & Fant, druggists, McKinney, Texas.

Messrs Nenney & Pardue of this city and another shareholder, Mr. Hawley, are owners of a new telephone system in McKinney. Already 50 boxes have been placed in residences and offices, and Mr. Nenny informs us orders are in for 30 more which are being put in as fast as possible. They contemplate extending the system to Blue Ridge, Weston, Celina, Rock Hill and Lebanon.



Ed & Will's Tonsorial Parlor.

When you wish an easy shave—
As good as barber ever gave—
Call at Ed & Will's Tonsorial room,
At morning, eve. or busy noon.
They'll curl and cut your hair with grace
To suit the contour of your face.
Their room is neat, and all is clean,
Scissors sharp and razors keen,
And all that art and skill can do;
If you will call they'll do for you.
They'll treat you nice and fair,
And neither flinch nor fudge;
You'll always find them there
As sober as a judge.

Children's hair cutting a specialty. Northwest corner of square, McKinney, Texas.

Why not patronize the product of a home factory? We are handling two brands of 5c cigars made in McKinney by M. Adam. Smith Bros.

Plant an Orchard.

Before you plant, send for ***New Catalogue of McKinney Nurseries***. This catalogue names the varieties adapted to this climate and gives instructions showing how to have, without failing, an abundance of fine fruit in any locality These instructions are based upon forty years of experience in growing fruit in Texas, and include and refer to the latest and most advanced thought on Southern horticulture. Send to E. W. KIRKPATRICK, McKinney, Tex,

The price on Woodberry's facial soap has been reduced to 25c. We have plenty of it. Smith Bros.

Horses and Mules.

We have horses and mules for sale on easy terms. If you are in need of stock you can save money by calling on us. Parlin & Orendorff Co. Per R. E. Carpenter. Sales Agt.

Remember we have a phone in our store. Call us up when you want anything in our line. Smith Bros.

Tetter, Salt-Rheum and Eczema.

The intense itching and smarting incident to these diseases is instantly allayed by applying Chamberlain's Eye and Skin Ointment. Many very bad cases have been permanently cured by it. It is equally efficient for itching piles and a favorite remedy for sore nipples: chapped hands, chilblains, frost bites and chronic sore eyes. 25 cts. per box.

Dr. Cady's Condition Powders, are just what a horse needs when in bad condition. Tonic, blood purifier and vermifuge. They are not food but medicine and the best in use to put a horse in prime condition. Price 25 cents per package

The grocery firm of Goostree & Houston is leading all competitors in volume of business. Moral—They supply the wants of their customers at prices you cannot beat.

We mix and box our bird seed. You get a liberal quantity of good seed when you buy of us. Smith Bros.

Beautiful Japanese gold fish for sale at the Nickle Store.

It will pay you to call and see me when wanting furniture, stoves, queensware, etc. I kindly ask a share of your trade. Respectfully, J. W. Asbury, West Louisiana street.

Several years experience of honorable dealing with the good people of McKinney and surrounding country has given the Nickle Store a reputation any might envy. Visit it and inspect its varied stock.

Hall's Great Discovery.

One small bottle of Hall's Great Discovery cures all kidney and bladder troubles, removes gravel, cures diabetes, seminal emissions, weak and lame backs, and all irregularities of the kidneys and bladder, in both men women. Regulates bladder trouble in children. If not sold by your druggist will be sent by mail on receipt of $1. One small bottle is two months' treatment and will cure any case above mentioned.

E. W. HALL, Sole Manufacturer, P. O. Box 317, Waco, Texas

READ THIS.

Sherman, Tex., Aug. 17.

I certify that I have used Hall's Great Discovery in my family and I can recommend it to the public. A. L. STRONG.

Sold by Smith Bros.

A nice assortment of wash dress goods just received. Special discounts on Monday and Tuesday, Feb. 8 and 9. M. Aron & Co.

A few months ago, Mr. Byron Every, of Woodstock, Mich., was badly afflicted with rheumatism. His right leg was swollen the full length, causing him great suffering. He was advised to try Chamberlain's Pain Balm. The first bottle of it helped him considerably and the second bottle effected a cure. The 25 and 50 cent sizes are for sale by City Drug Store.

The good things at Melton's are too numerous to mention. Come and see what they are.

Attention, Farmers!

At the Emerson warehouse we have corn of all kinds and sorghum seed for sale to farmers at low prices. Call on H. C. Killingsworth at his scales.

Powers & Weightman Quinine in small bottles at Smith Bros.

If we could trace Dyspepsia to its source it would lead back to our kitchens. In fact, the secret of good health is good cooking. If well cooked, foods are partially digested; if poorly cooked they are less digestible than in their raw state. If you are a victim of faulty cooking; that is, if you suffer from dyspepsia, the rational cure must be looked for in an artificially digested food, and a food which will at the same time aid the digestion of other foods. Such a preparation virtually rests the tired digestive organs, thereby restoring them to their natural strength.

The Digestive Cordial, as prepared by the Shakers of Mount Lebanon, is just such a preparation, and a single 10 cent bottle will convince you of its value. If your druggist doesn't keep it, he will be glad to get it throgh his wholesale house.

LAXOL is the best medicine for children Doctors recommend it in place of Castor Oil.

An elegant line of embroideries just received. Will make special prices on same Monday and Tuesday, Feb. 8 and 9. M. Aron & Co.

We call the attention of friends that Little Master Glenn McCuller is industriously working up quite a business for the Denison Steam Laundry, and having seen some of their work we think no mistake will be made in patronizing the young man.

Our Cough Syrup is gaining popularity each day. Smith Bros.

Ask your physician, your druggist and your friends about Shiloh's Cure for Consumption. They will recommend it. For sale by C. C. Provine.

Teachers' Examination.

The next examination of teachers for Collin county will be held in the county superintendent's office as follows:

All applicants for permanent certificates must be present by 8:30 o'clock Thursday Feb. 18. All applicants for first and second grade certificates must be present by 8:30 o'clock on Fridao Feb. 10, and all applicants for third grade certificates must be present by 8:30 o'clock Saturday Feb 20. Respt., W. W. SHEPHERD, Co. Supt.

Save Your Life

By using "THE NEW GREAT SOUTH AMERICAN KIDNEY CURE." This new remedy is a great surprise on account of its exceeding promptness in relieving pain in the Kidneys, Bladder and Back in male or female. It relieves retention of water, and pain in passing it almost immediately. Save yourselves by using this marvelous cure. Its use will prevent fatal consequences in almost all cases by its great alterative and healing powers. Sold by Erwin & Fant, druggists, McKinney, Texas.

Tasteless Quinine and Castor Oil at Smith Bros.

Remember the Denison Steam Laundry when you want nice work. Our office is at J. T. Couch's music house, where you will find a basket at all times. Glenn McCuller, Agt.

Chemically pure chloride ammonia and the best codeane at Smith Bros.

Karl's Clover Root Tea is a sure cure for Headache and nervous diseases. Nothing relieves so quickly. For sale by C. C. Provine.

Messrs W. O. Farthing and W. O. Duston of Ardmore, I. T., are in the city.

Mr. Ward L. Smith, of Fredericks-town, Mo., was troubled with chronic diarrhœa for over thirty years. He had become fully satisfied that it was only a question of a short time that he would have to give up. He had been treated by some of the best physicians in Europe and America but got no permanent relief. One day he picked up a newspaper and chanced to read an advertisement of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhœa Remedy. He got a bottle of it, the first dose helped him and its continued use cured him. For sale by City Drug Store,

On Jan. 30 James A, Workman, died at his home at Altoga of pneumonia. He was 19 years old and greatly beloved by all his acquaintances, teacher and schoolmates. The Democrat tenders sympathy to the relatives.

ELY'S CREAM BALM is quickly absorbed. Cleanses the Nasal Passages, Allays Pain and Inflammation, Heals and Protects the Membrane from Cold. Restores the Senses of Taste and Smell. Gives Relief at once and it will cure.



Honor Roll.

We are thankful to the following named persons for subscriptions received recently:

Jesse Shain,	J. P. Nenney,
J. M. Pearson,	J. H. Jenkins,
V. C. Coleman,	J. P. Miller,
A. S. Graves,	W. M. Norris,
First Nat. Bank,	J. F. Wilds.

I have given Chamberlain's Cough Remedy a fair test and consider it one of the very best remedies for croup that I have eve ever found. One dose has always been sufficient, although I use it freely. Any cold my children contract yields very readily to this medicine. I can conscientiously recommend it for crop ond colds in children. —GEO. E. WOLFF, Clerk of the Circuit Court, Fernaudina, Fla. Sold by City Drug Store.

Remember we make a specialty of Prescriptions. We are prepared for it Smith Bros.

Health and sweet breath secured by Shiloh's Catarrh Remedy. Price 50 cents. Nasal Injector free. For sale by C. C. Provine.

Never confuse sentiment with business. If I can't cure you I don't want your money. Respectfully, DR. A. C. SIMMONS' COUGH SYRUP.

Our Syrup Wild Cherry we make by cold percolation from selected cherry bark. We do not think anybody makes its superior. Smith Bros.

We are not advertising to sell at cost but for a profit, and can make it to your interest to see us. T. J. Melton.

Everett Hollander, who was taken from here to the penitentiary about May 1, 1895 to serve out a 9-year term for theft and burglary, had his sentence commuted to two years on the 26th ult He was thereupon released as the credits for good behavior with the time already served filled out the required time.

Do Babies Cry For It?

No! They more often die for the want of it. DR. SIMMONS' COUGH SYRUP is guaranteed to cure Croup, Whooping Cough, Colds, Coughs, and Bronchial affections of the Throat, Chest and Lungs, and failing, the purchase money is refunded. Sample bottle free. 50 doses for 50 cents.

Karl's Clover Root Tea purifies the blood and gives a clear and beautiful complexion. For sale by C. C. Provine.

When Baby was sick, we gave her Castoria.
When she was a Child, she cried for Castoria.
When she became Miss, she clung to Castoria.
When she had Children, she gave them Castoria.

You get your money's worth or your money back. Dr. Simmons' Cough Syrup, 50 doses for 50 cents, and money returned if not satisfied. Manufactured by A. C. Simmons Jr., Medicine Company, Sherman, Texas.

Consumption, La Grippe, Pneumonia and all Throat and Lung diseases are cured by Shiloh's Cure. For sale by C. C. Provine.

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Like biliousness, dyspepsia, headache, constipation, sour stomach, indigestion are promptly cured by Hood's Pills. They do their work

Hood's Pills

easily and thoroughly. Best after dinner pills. 25 cents. All druggists. Prepared by C. I. Hood & Co., Lowell, Mass. The only Pill to take with Hood's Sarsaparilla.

K. K. Kerr of this city received the sad intelligence last week of the sudden death of his father at Parks Station, Tennessee, on the 26th ult. Death was due to paralysis of the heart.

CASTORIA.

The fac-simile signature of Chas. H. Fletcher is on every wrapper.

A large and elegant line of ladies handkerchiefs just received. Special prices on Monday and Tuesday, Feb. 8 and 9. M. Aron & Co.

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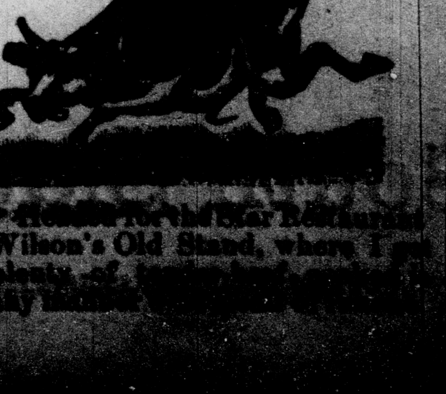
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For Dyspepsia and Liver omplaint you have a printed guarantee on every bottle of Shiloh's Vitalizer. It never fails to cure. For sale by C. C. Provine.



Wilson's Old Stand, where I ... plenty of ...

"SEEK AND YE SHALL FIND"

The people of McKinney and surrounding country have sought in vain for a reliever of The High Tariff System since the advent of

C. L. MISTROT, The Cash Merchant.

They now realize a revolution in business has come and their appreciation of Mistrot's Bed Rock Spot Cash System is attested by the eager multitude at the store daily buying Clothing, Dry Goods, Hats, Shoes, and Groceries. It is no importunate spirit of egotism but upon the basis of merit alone that we claim to be able to give you advantages in buying goods that you will never find in the beaten paths of regular trade.

We Deal In Every Class Of Goods That We Can Buy At 33 To 40 Cents On The Dollar,

In small as well as large lots from houses that are plunging down to ruin. The regular rates of the market being no guide to our prices---always way below them. Our prices are made by the assignee or the tottering and broken down concern itself, who to avert the impending ruin, will sell at any sacrifice. Speculation, ambition without ability, capitalists destitute of genius, merchant slacking money, and buyers with no brains are the principal causes of these heavy mercantile failures, and here is where we come in with cash in hand and wind up their affairs.

Four more Scalps From Our Big Tomahawk,

And the great Sample Sales, as well as the Hat Sample Drives are Still Going On.

Scalp No. 1.

Consists of the entire stock of clothing of Mr. Abe Friedlander of Dallas. Mr. Friedlander had the reputation of handling a handsome stock of CLOTHING for men and boys, and numbered among his patrons as fine a clothing trade as there is in Dallas. We bought the stock at 40 cents on the dollar, or nearly two thirds discount from New York invoice. That's cheap, ain't it?

C. L. MISTROT.

The Cash Merchant.

Scalp No. 2.

Consists of two invoices of SAMPLE SHOES from Wm. A. Orr Shoe Co., and Friedman Bros., of St. Louis. We paid for these sample shoes 33 1-3c on the dollar. Sample shoes are 25 per cent better made shoes. The material is 25 per cent better also. This means that we own these shoes at less than one half price. That's cheap also, ain't it?

Scalp No. 3.

Consists of two invoices of manufacturers' and drummers samples of mens and boys hats. We bought them from Scott, Force & Goodbar of St. Louis; we paid 50c on the dollar for these goods. That's cheap for hats, ain't it?

Scalp No. 4.

Consists of a stock of Groceries bought at a discount of 50 per cent. That's cheap enough for GOOD GOODS, ain't it?

This will be a picnic for the People of McKinney as long as the goods last. It will be a sale of merchandise such as this town never saw.

Shoes, Hats, Dress Goods, Dry Goods, Underwear, Groceries; Everything at 33 to 50 per cent discount. Groceries will keep pace with the Clothing, Shoes, etc.

THEY WILL MOVE SIDE BY SIDE, EACH WITH GREAT RAPIDITY.

The 14 Big Drives In this Extraordinary Sale of Merchandise Itemized Below:

C. L. MISTROT,
PURCHASER OF
Bankrupt Stocks, Sample Goods, &c.

Drive No. 1.
1500 men's black stiff hats, the regular $1 to $1.50 qualities, in this sale.....25c

Drive No. 2.
200 men's black stiff hats, the regular $1.75 to $2.50 grades.....$1.00

Drive No. 3.
120 men's black stiff hats, very fine goods, regular $3 to $5 goods, now on sale at.....$1.50

Drive. No. 4.
50 dozen men's fine fur hats, in good grades, shapes and colors, usual $1.50 to $2.50 qualities, choice.....$1.00

Drive No. 5.
20 dozen men's fine fur hats in all colors and all shapes, usual $3 and $4. grades, choice $1.50

Drive No. 6.
500 pairs ladies fine sample shoes, choice.....1.00
800 pairs ladies fine sample shoes, usual $2 to $3.50 grades, choice.....$1.50

Drive No. 7.
600 pairs men's sample shoes, $2, $2.50, $3 and $3.50 grades, choice.....$1.50

Lot No. 8.
500 Misses shoes, all sizes, per pair.....75c

Lot No. 9.
150 men's suits, all kinds and all colors. This lot consists of Friedlanders's $5, $6 and $7 suits, choice for.....$3.75

Lot No. 10.
320 Men's suits. This lot takes all of Friedlander's $8, $9 and $10 fine suits, choice.....$5

Lot 11.
This lot consists of Friedlander's $12, $14, $15 and $18 suits, choice.....$7.50

Lot 12.
Men's fine wool underwear, regular 75c, $1 and $1.50 garments, choice.....50c

Lot 13.
Consists of bleaching, dress goods, flannels, gloves, suspenders, hosiery, knit goods, men's percale shirts, all at about one half the usual prices.

Lot 14.
3lb can peaches 10c; can corn 5c; can tomatoes 5c; 20lbs rice $1; 40lbs beans $1, 20 and 25lbs raisins $1; Arm and Hammer brand soda 5c; granulated sugar 25lbs for $1; brooms, 3-ply, 10c, 4-ply 2 for 25c; pickles, pints, 6¼c, quarts, 10c; axle grease 5c and 8 1-3c; pearline 3 for 10c; Satinett soap 2 for 5c; best quality bluing 10c per quart; rolled oats 8c per package.

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